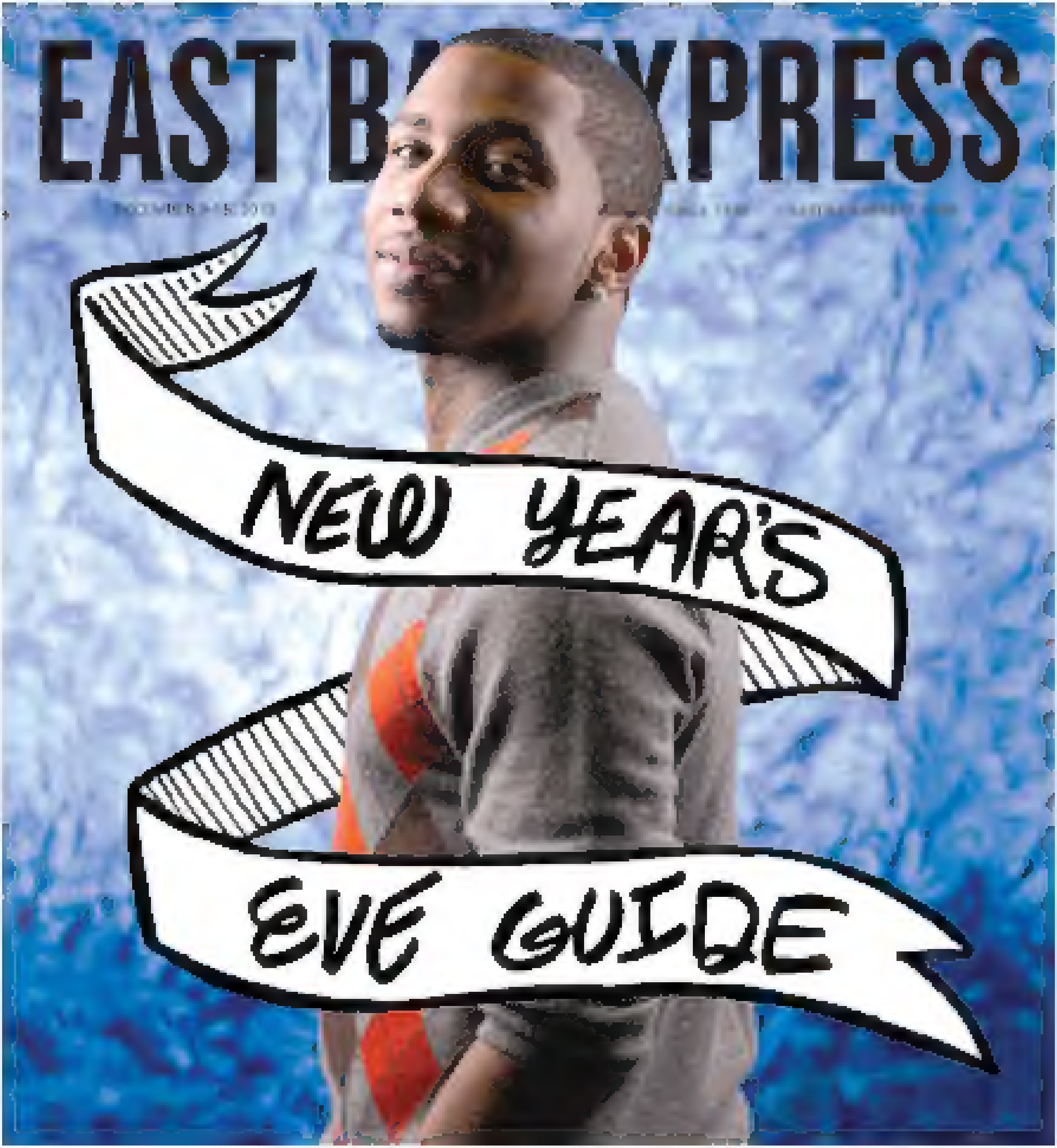
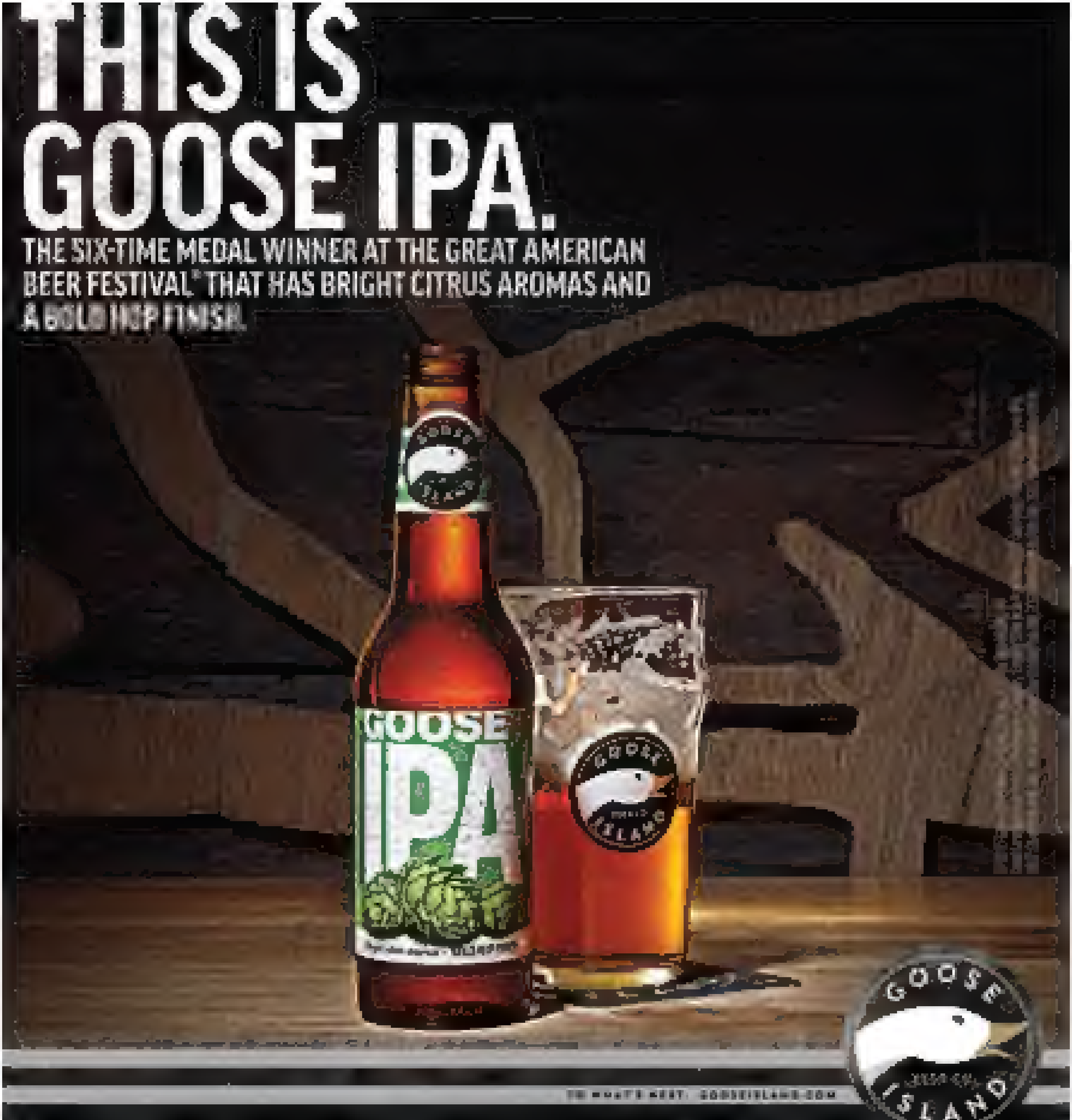

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Good choices. Also try camping at Hendy Woods State Park in the Anderson Valley, Mendocino. It's not too far away, and you have the entire Mendocino Coast to explore. There's also much wine tasting, most of which is still free. Good restaurants, too.

Joel Schumann, Emeryville

A Lack of Political Will

Your article points out accurately that previous policy makers in Oakland have consistently delayed and avoided an inclusionary housing ordinance. However, the one mistake in the story is that the Blue Ribbon Commission members were selected by both mayors [Jerry] Brown and [Ron] Dellums. Instead of secret meetings of invited guests only, that commission, composed of members selected by the council, held public meetings in every district in the city. In fact, there were seventeen public hearings over a four-month period to solicit comments from the community.

For the most part, the same players listed in this article were a part of that process. Jeff Levin was one of the city staff members facilitating the process and Linda Hausrath prepared the background economic analysis for the recommendations forwarded to the city council.

After the recommendations were presented in the fall of 2008, the city council did nothing. It is ironic that [ex-Councilmember] Jane Brunner would suggest in the article that the only two reasons why nothing happened was fear of discouraging development and campaign contributions. The fact is that the economic analysis of the housing market in 2008 revealed that the only neighborhoods where property values would reasonably support inclusionary fees were primarily in her district. Temescal and Rockridge were the places where, in theory, affordable housing fees would not discourage new projects. Can you imagine Brunner leading a public discussion about affordable housing being built in two of Oakland's special, white neighborhoods? Brunner did not have the will or courage to make that happen. As a result, nothing happened.

I don't know what is going on currently in the planning department, but every time we should be hearing from the planning director about public process and policy, it seems like there are more secret meetings and Mike Ghielmetti, president of Signature Development Group, is speaking.

With the increase in citywide property values in the current housing bubble, there is no question that the time to adopt an inclusionary ordinance is now. More delays or a failure to act is not because of the lack of information. It would once again be fear and the lack of political will.

Isn't it amazing that many cities throughout the state have addressed this issue years ago, and Oakland still somehow can't seem to get anything done?

Gary Patton, former deputy director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Oakland, Magnet

Please Promote from Within

Awesome story about an awesome chief. Fascinating analysis that the mass departure of (incompetent) department heads during a financial crisis actually enabled a positive transformation.

I'll miss Chief Chris Magnus more than I can say. As a fifteen-year Richmond resident, I can attest to how dramatically things changed from an often adversarial relationship with the police to an outstanding one. I hope the new chief is promoted from within so we get someone who follows Magnus' values.

Ann Stern, Richmond

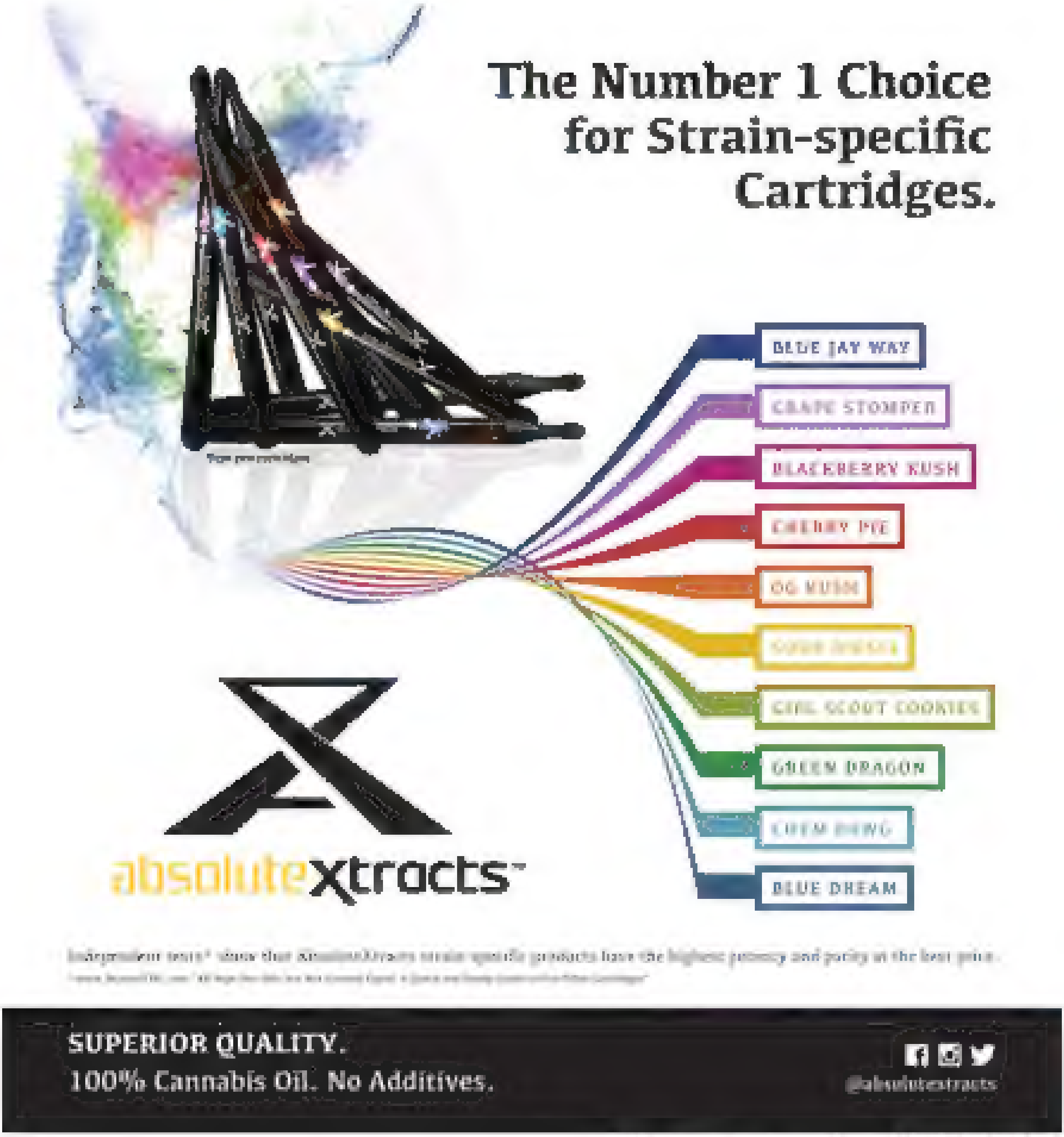
Too Bad

It was such a great location, and the outdoor space was so special, but the kinks in the service and offerings [at Grand Fare Market] were to be expected for such an ambitious and unusual facility. Oh, well.

Lydia Hays, Oakland

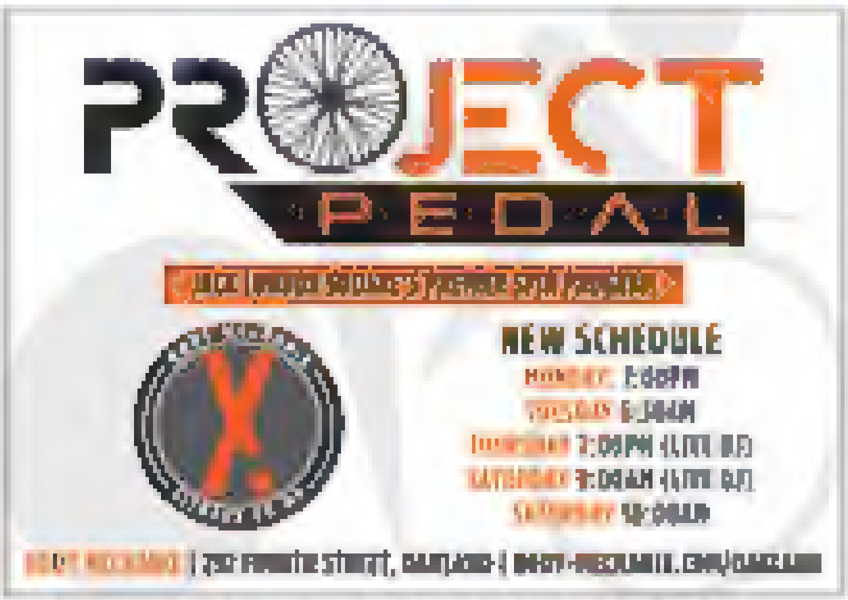
Good Idea, Poor Execution

As an architect, and a retail specialist, I was disappointed, but not surprised to hear of this closure. Grand Fare had absolutely no organizational logic or flow. It was completely unclear where the customer should order, what they should order, or where they should pay. The entrance, cold


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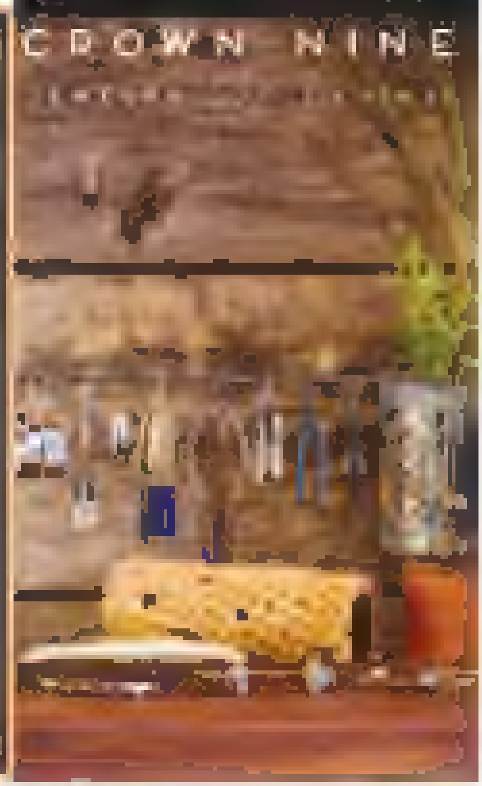

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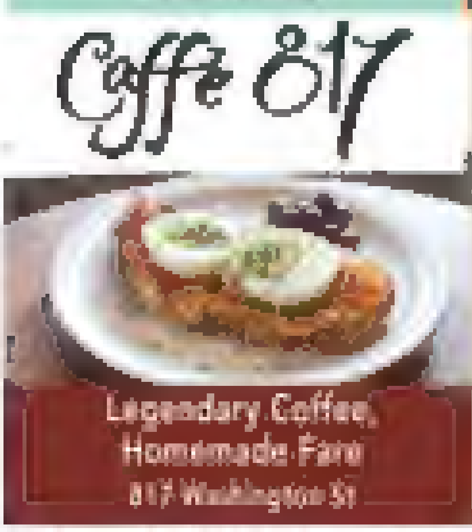

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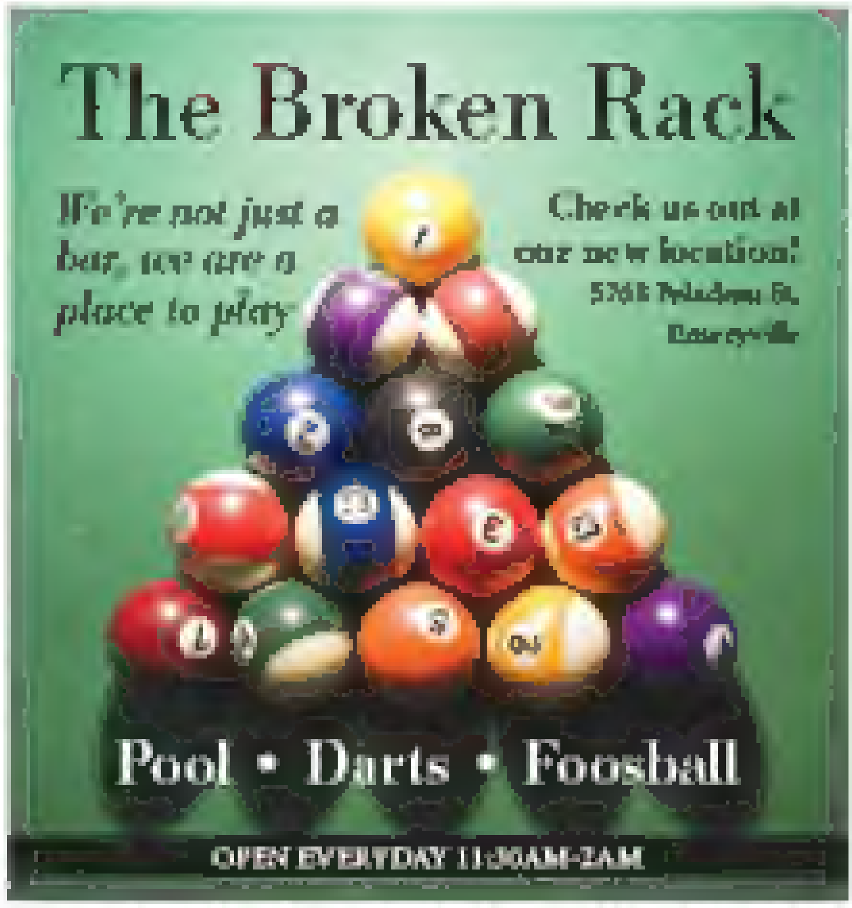
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Oakland Needs to Okay Medical Cannabis Delivery

It's time for this important service to come out of the shadows and receive the protections afforded to storefront dispensaries.

By Andrea Unsworth

Delivery-only dispensaries have done business in the Bay Area for years alongside the more prominent brick-and-mortar dispensaries that most residents are familiar with. Due to the cap on storefront dispensary permits (currently only eight allowed in Oakland), these delivery-only services exist in a robust and fairly saturated space. But we operate in the shadows, without the protection of clear laws that are established for the brick and mortars. The City of Oakland is currently considering an increase to its number of licenses, and for the first time, a formal acknowledgement of the delivery-only market.



We urge the Oakland City Council to allow for an unlimited number of delivery-only permits, to increase accessibility for patients, allow growth of existing community-based collectives, and to capitalize on the potential tax revenue for the city. Taking this step should be part of a commonsense local regulatory plan that respects and supports the responsible cannabis businesses and benefits patients. This will help to build relationships with law enforcement, incentivize cannabis businesses to develop high-level operating standards, and enable these businesses to contribute to the city's tax base.

As an *African-American* woman who launched my collective one year ago, I hope the city continues to lift barriers that limit the innovation and economic opportunities that the cannabis collectives can provide in Oakland. As an entrepreneur, I personally developed and implemented a business plan that I am living out each day. But our efforts are not without risk. Our collective works hard to serve our patients seven days a week without the benefit of legal licensure, police protection, or even a clear legal framework. We are not here as a way to supplement another business — this is our primary focus, our passion, and our purpose. We are ready to be allowed to be part of that.

We believe in cannabis culture: a culture that embraces art, music, love, and most significantly, the medically proven, healing benefits of the plant. We support the funding of cannabis research and education, and we exist to support patients who have been denied access to medicine that can profoundly improve their lives. Additionally, we encourage the opportunities for economic independence that the cannabis industry has brought for women and people of color.

Supporting patients and the entire community is not secondary, not an afterthought. Many in this industry have given up careers, put their families at risk, and formed collectives despite the lack of access to funding — and all with the constant fear of everything from the inability to access the workforce to federal prosecution.

Permit limits encourage an unfair advantage in Oakland's cannabis industry and stall the growth opportunities for brave new collectives. This is a critical moment for the city as it decides how to promote access to cannabis for patients, and it is a turning point for Oakland's entrepreneurs who are ready to bring our passion, innovation, and hard work to the community. There is a need in the cannabis community for [illegible] creativity that operates without attracting unwanted attention. This [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] information to patients, the way we develop apps, hold job fairs, serve cannabis discreetly, host product education events, and sponsor research.

Our patient community includes women, veterans, seniors, student athletes, working professionals, and [illegible] patients who do not have access to a storefront. There has been significant growth in the number of diverse entrepreneurs ensuring that patients have access to the widest range of treatment options available. Delivery-only dispensaries provide alternative outlets for these products.

We are members of a community of like-minded collective members who support our patients and promote responsible consumption. The beauty of cannabis is not only that it heals, but it unifies. We share cannabis, we pass it, and we "gift" it to those that need it. It is our hope that Oakland's cannabis [illegible] [illegible] a way to keep that spirit alive.

Andrea Unsworth is managing director of [illegible] Delivery.

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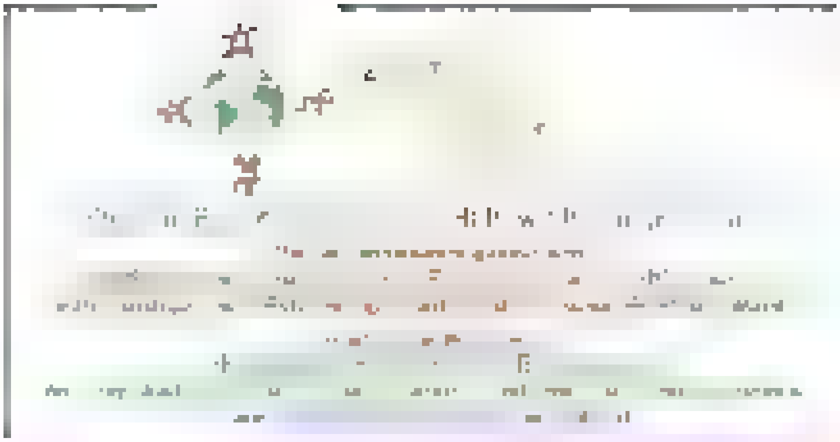


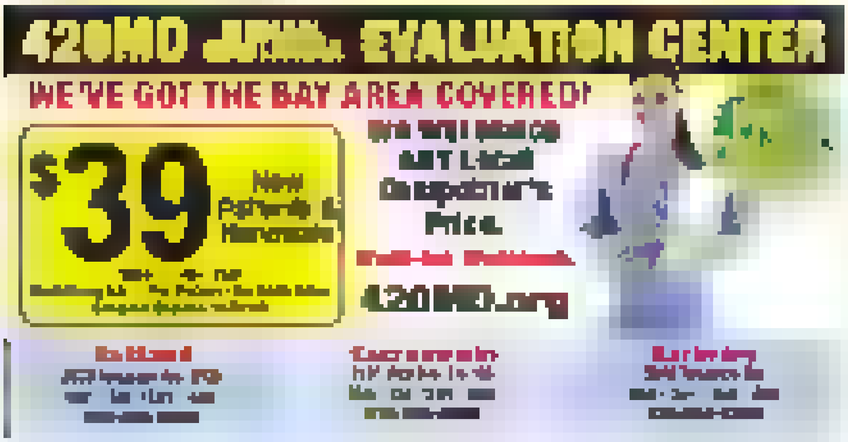
Time Is Running Out

With a red-hot housing market, Oakland needs to act quickly to enact funding mechanisms for affordable housing.

By Robert Gammon


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A Rash of Medical Pot Bans

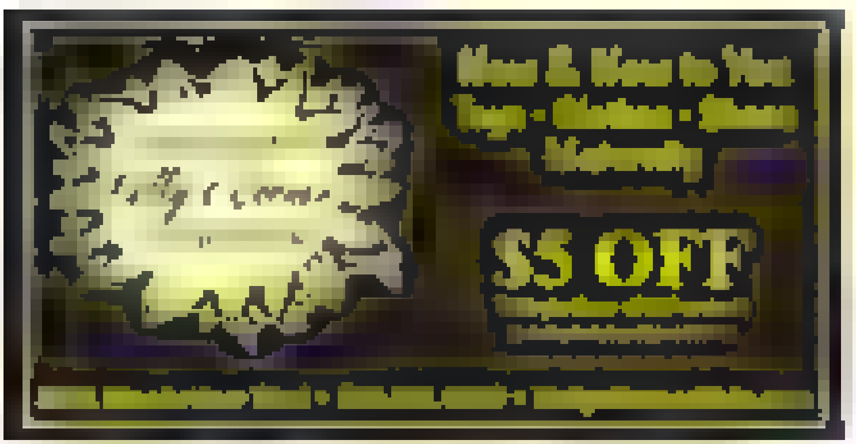
While California's new medical cannabis regulations are spurring progressive cities to increase access for patients, while conservative towns are rushing to wind back the clock.

By David Downs


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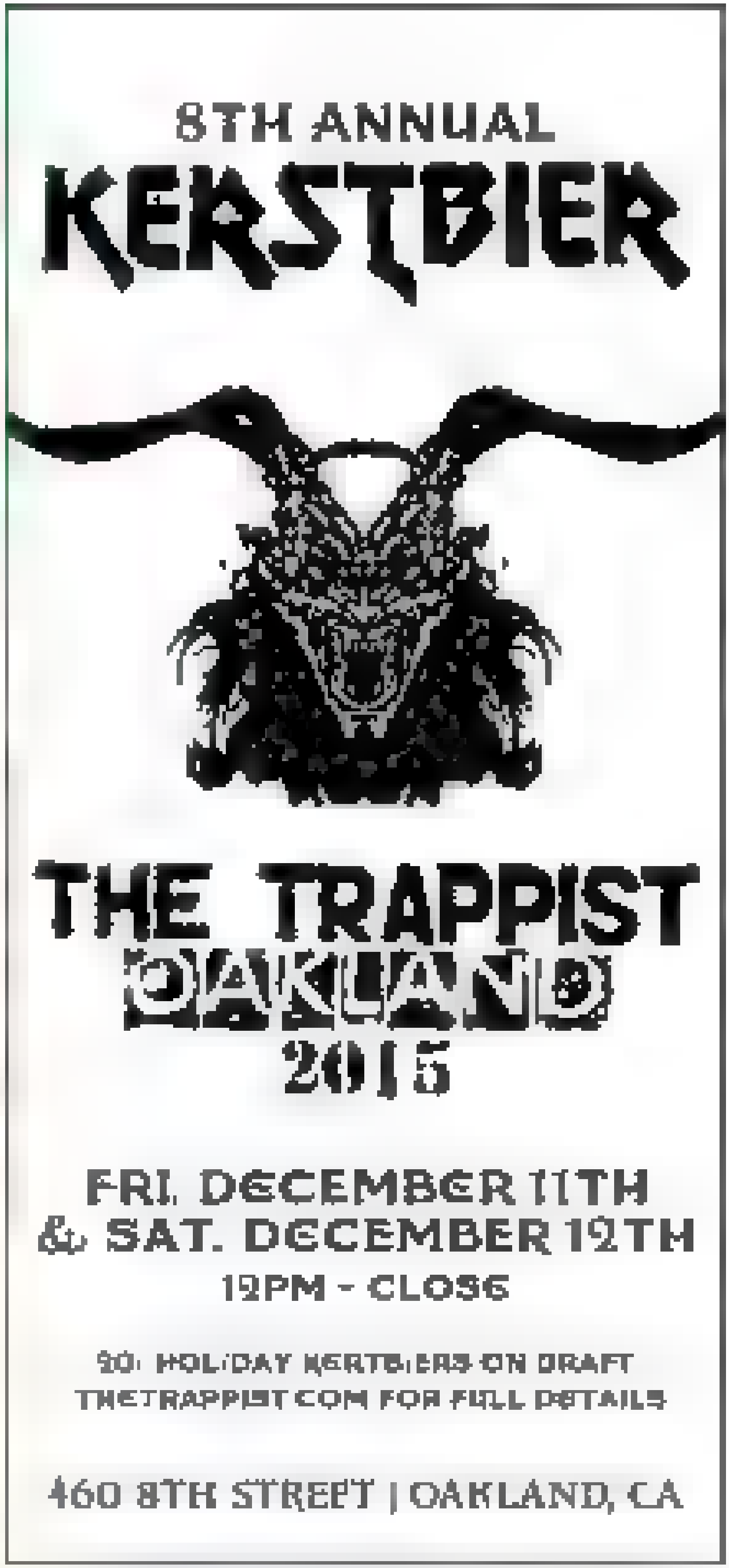


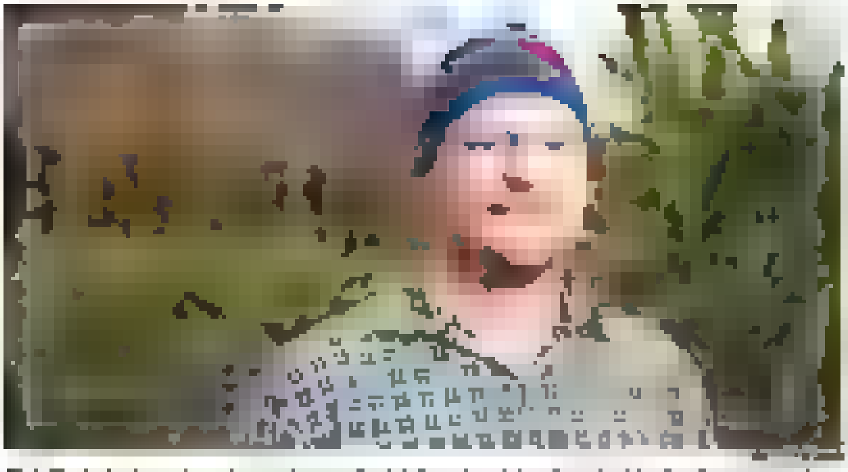





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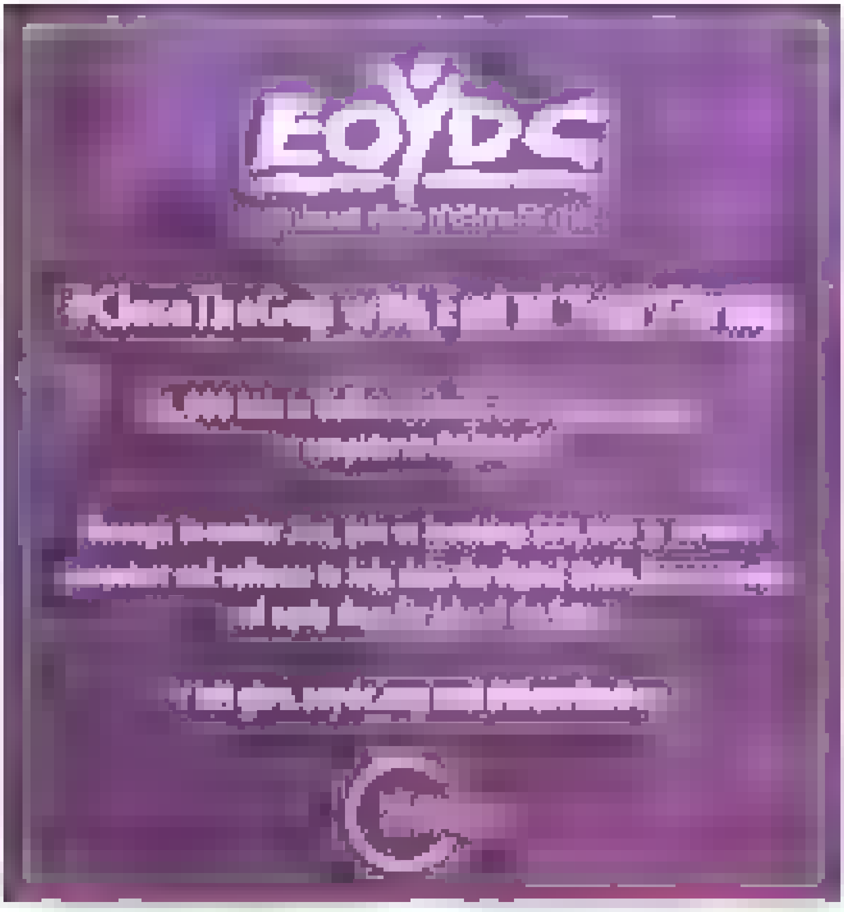


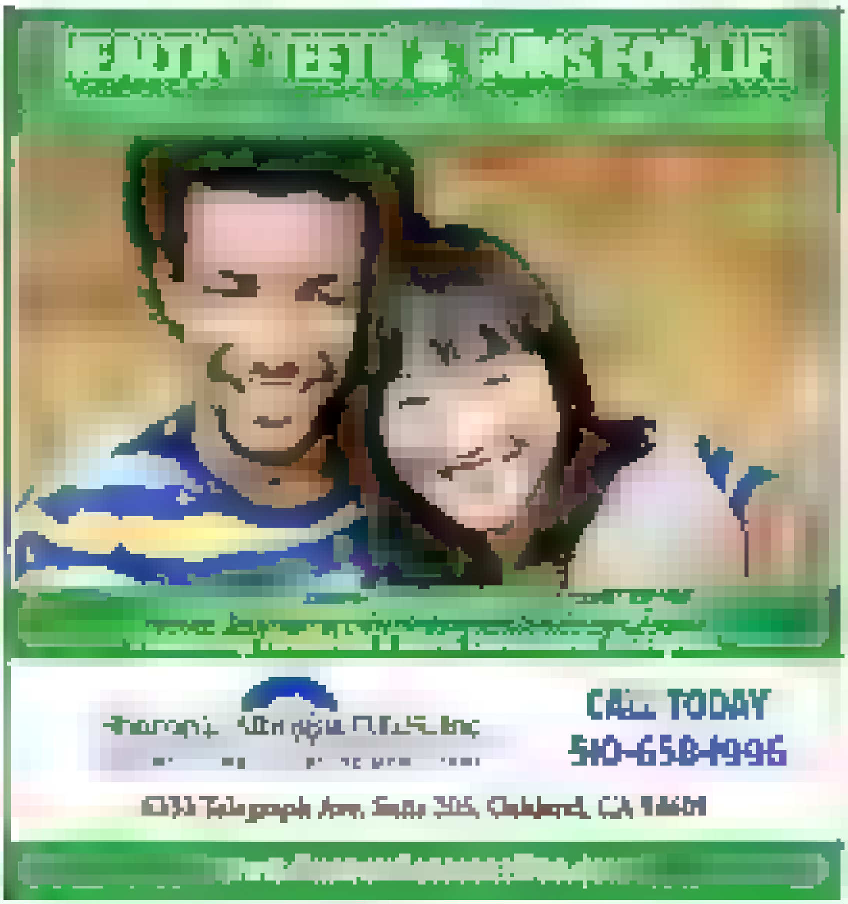
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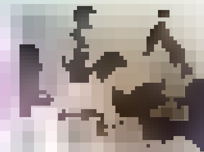

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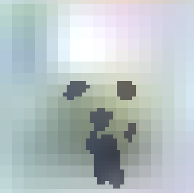
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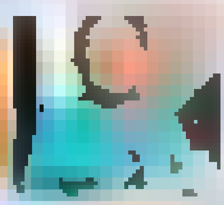












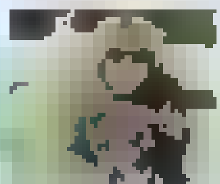










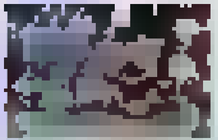






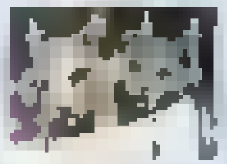




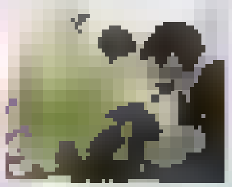
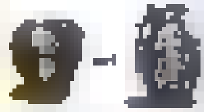
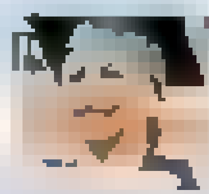















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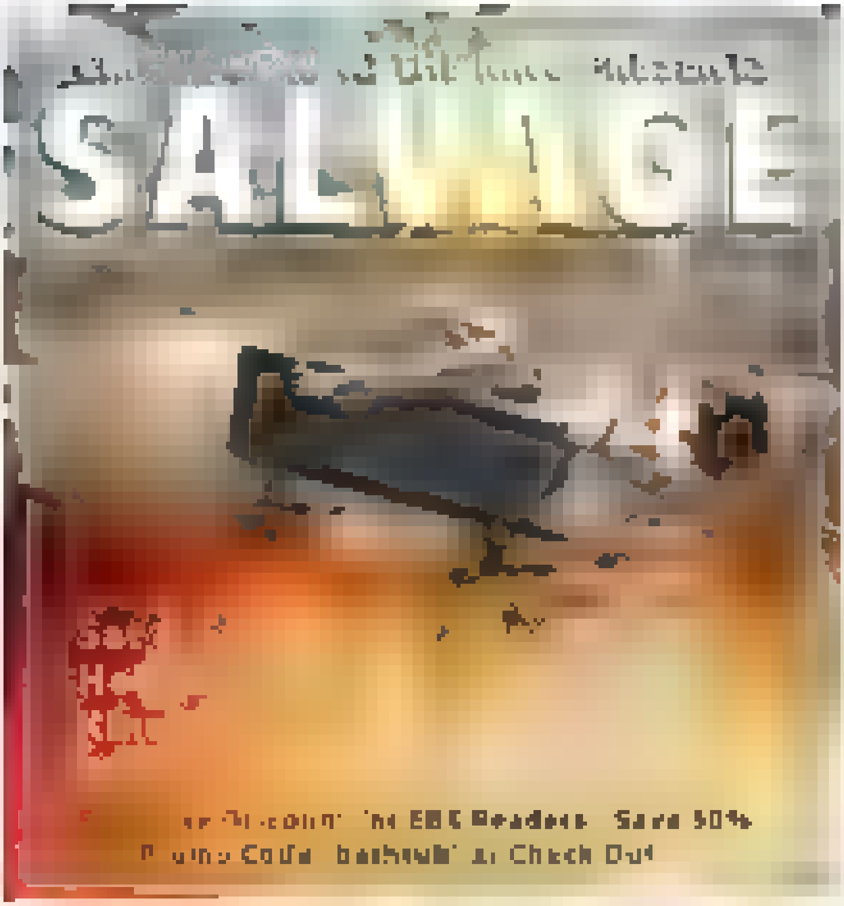
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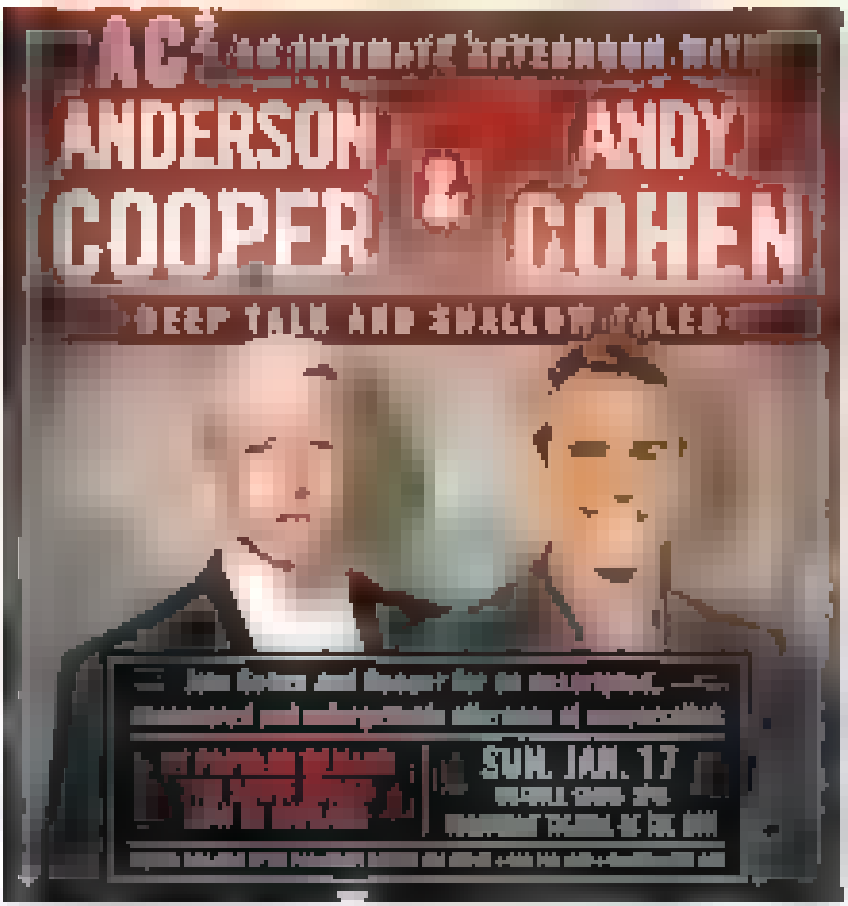
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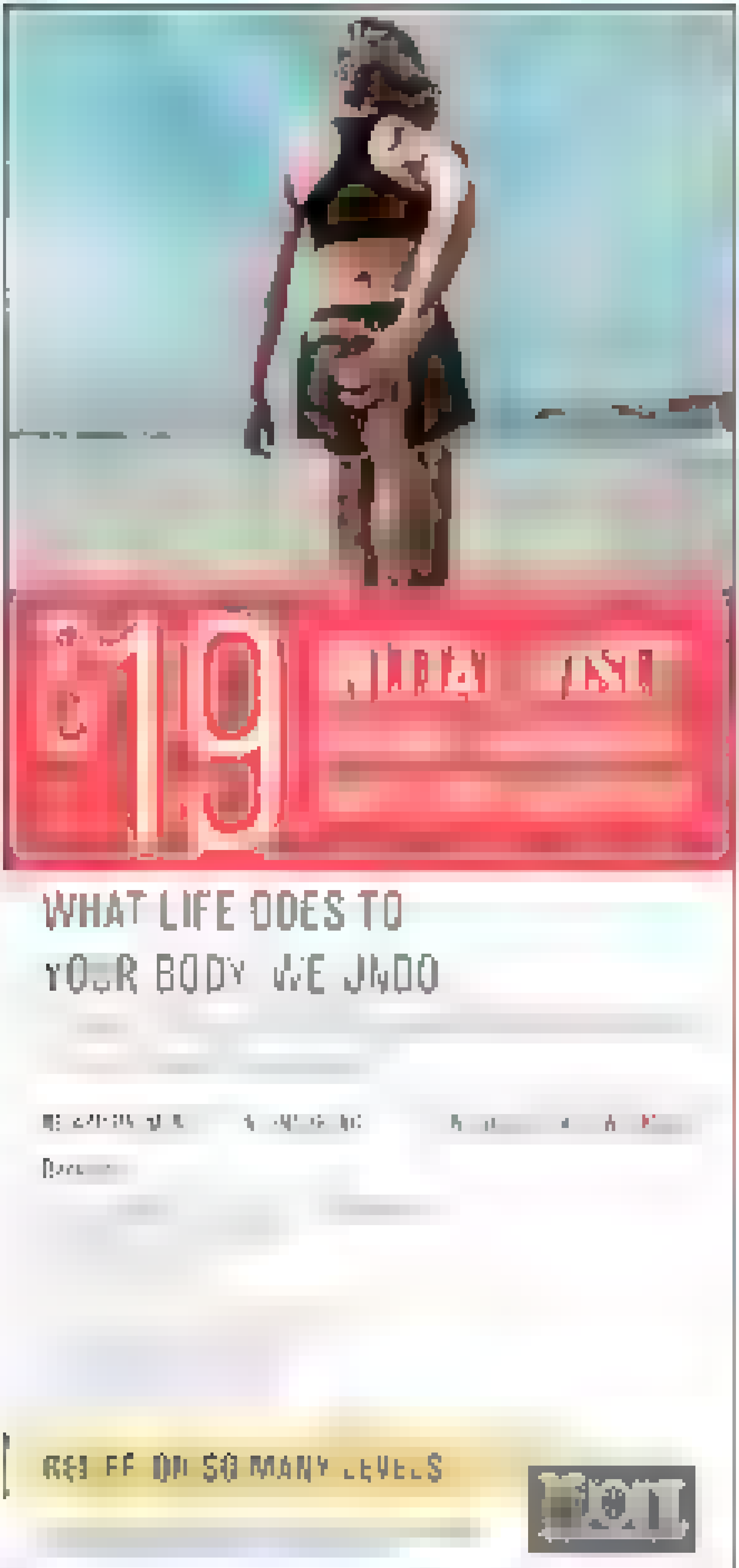
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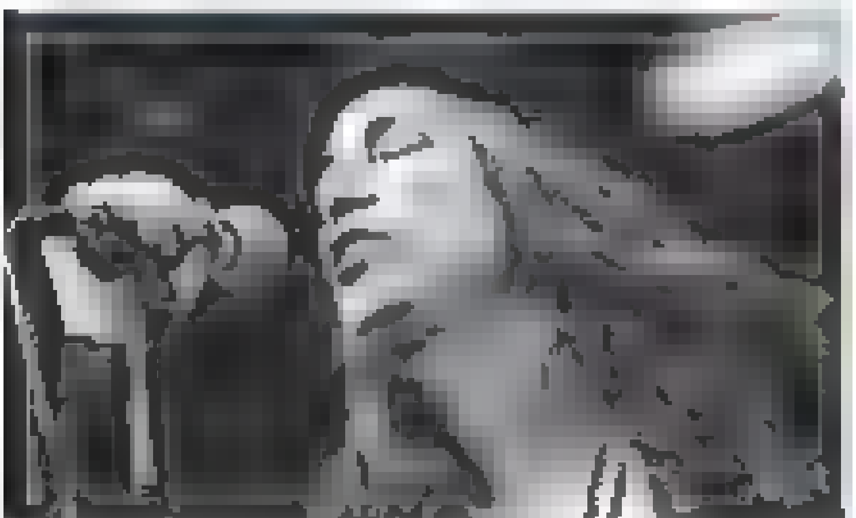
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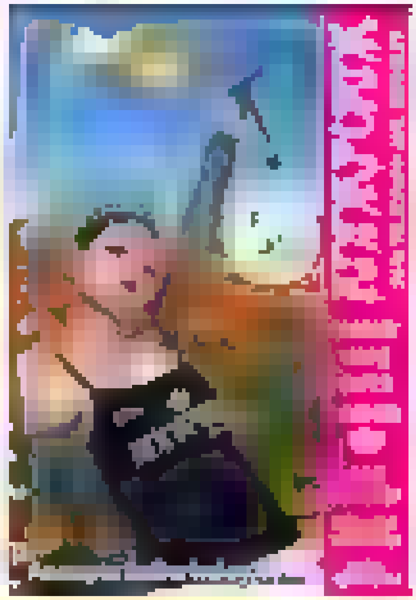
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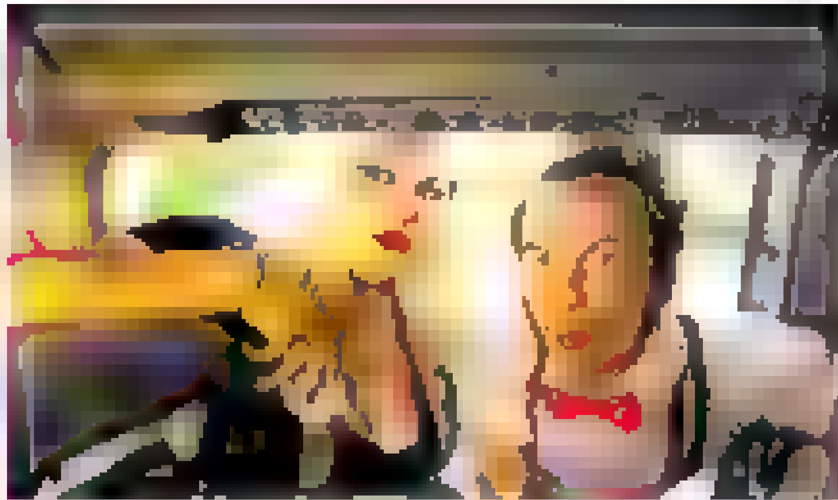
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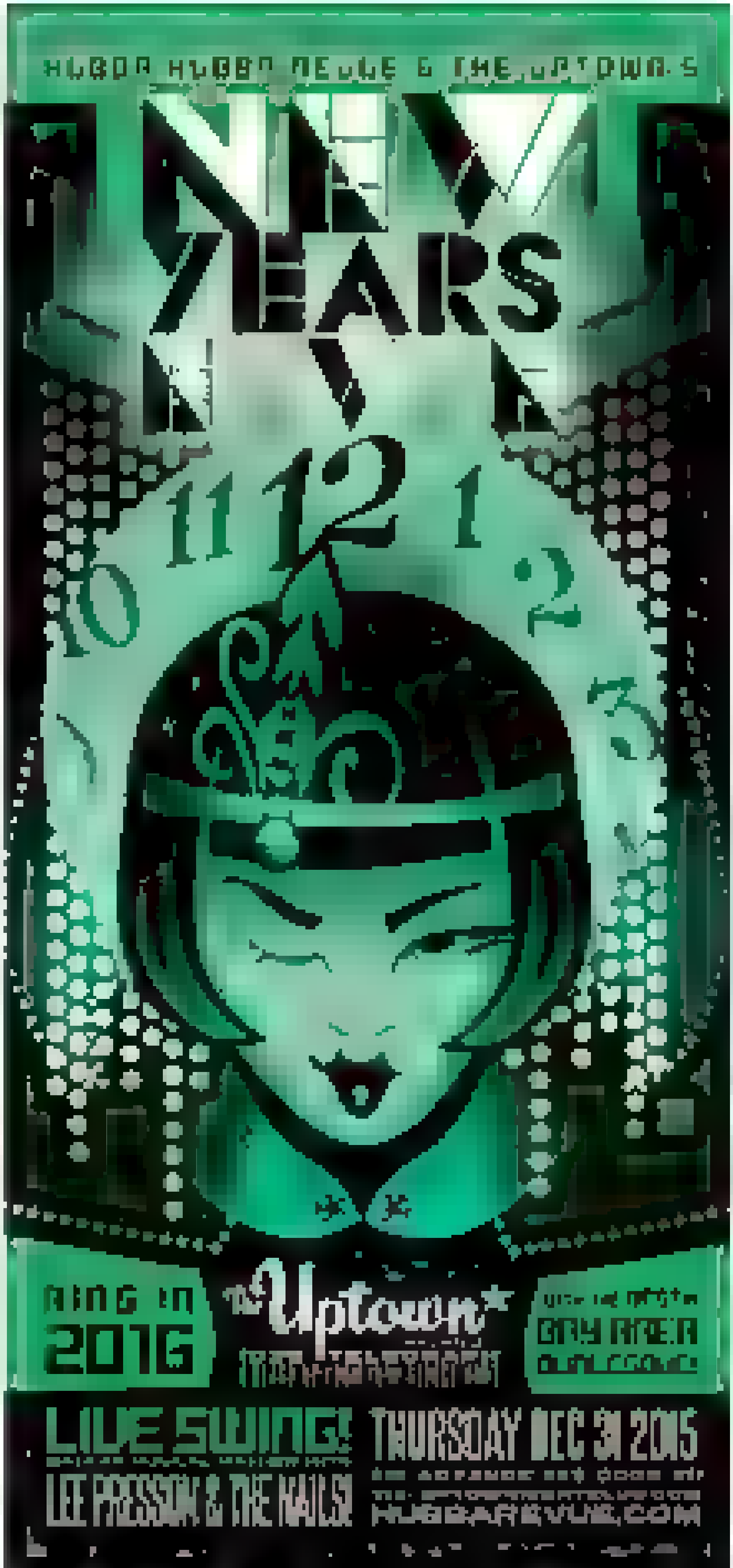
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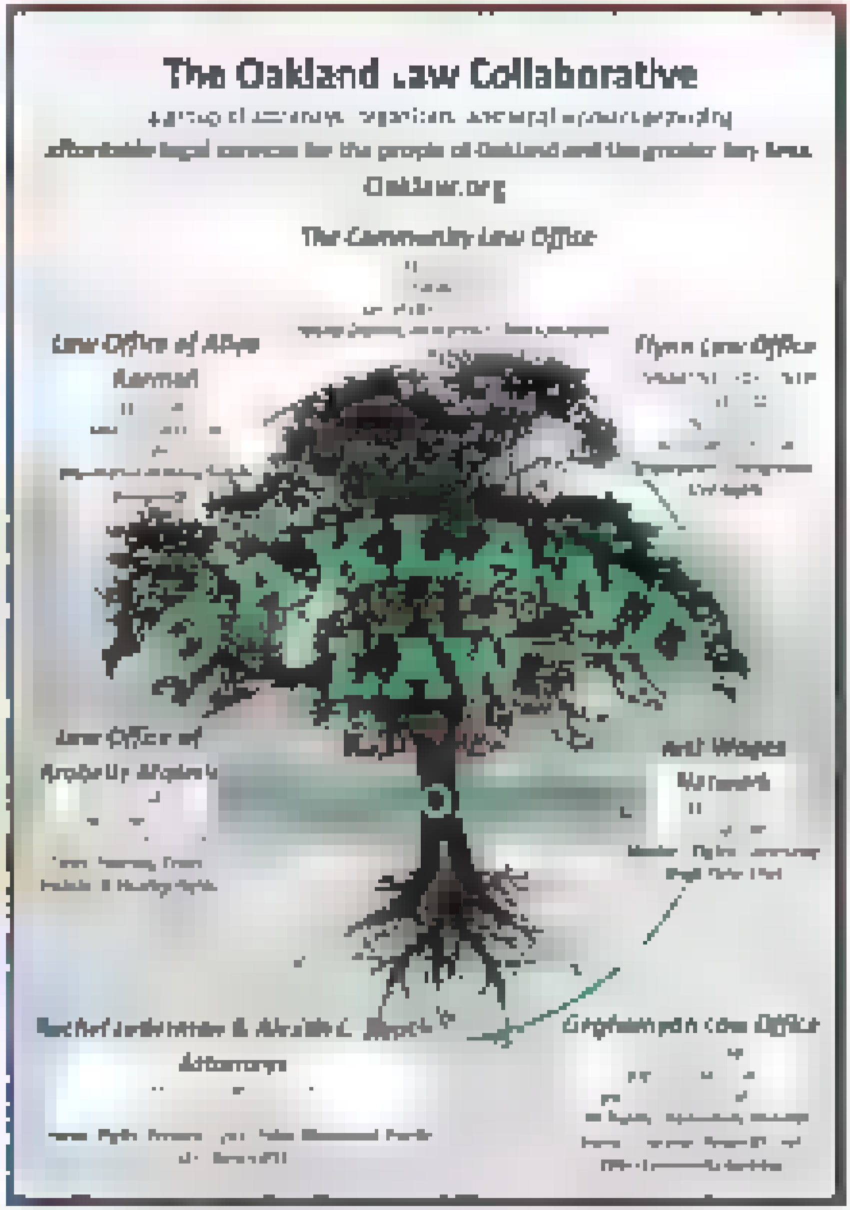
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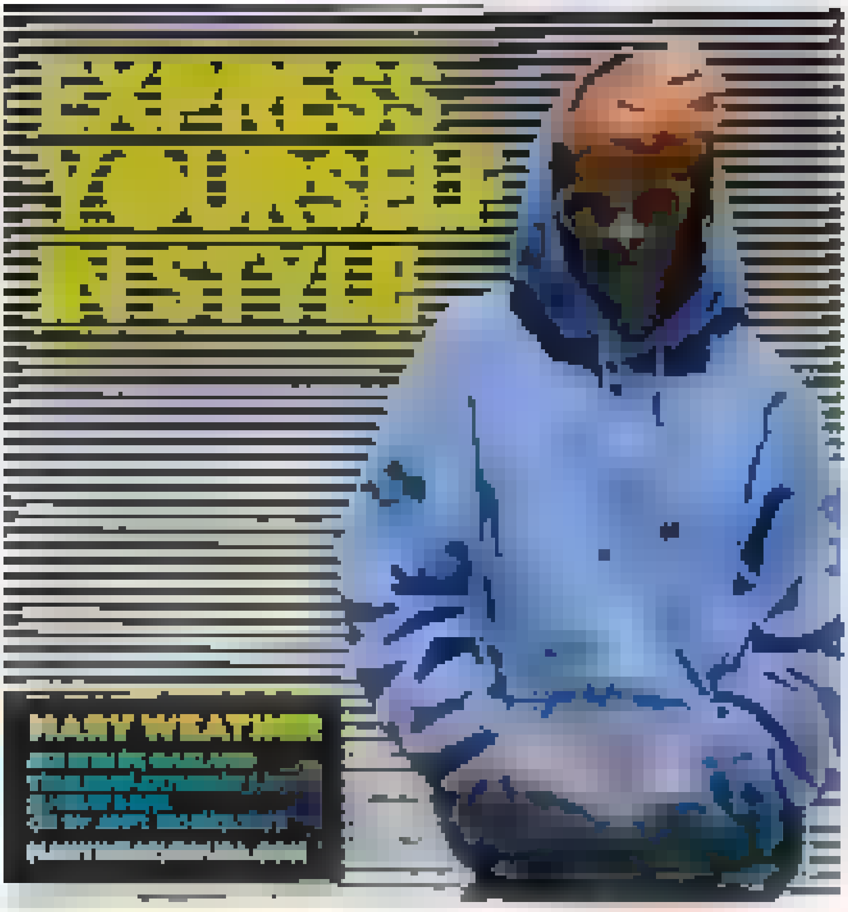


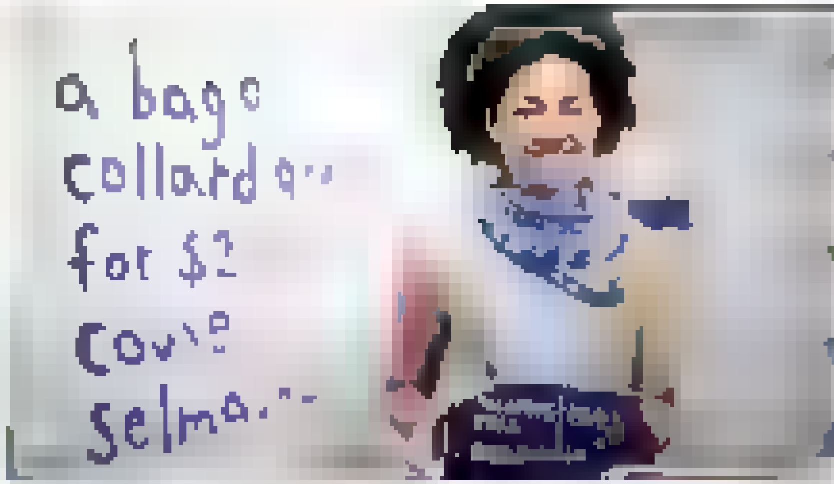

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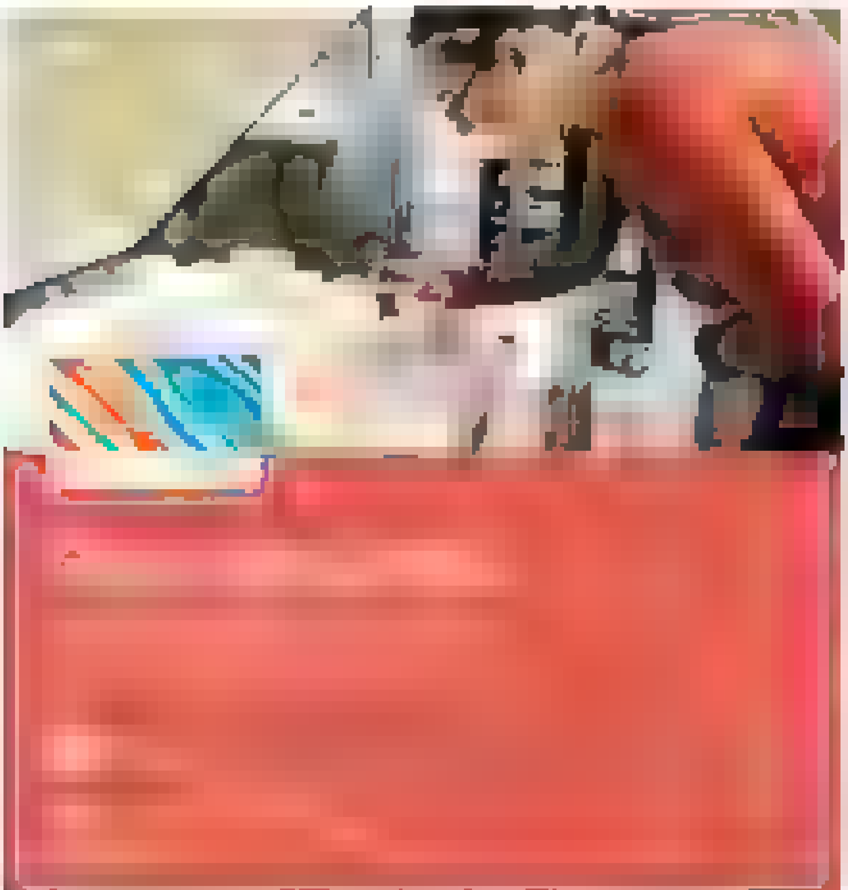

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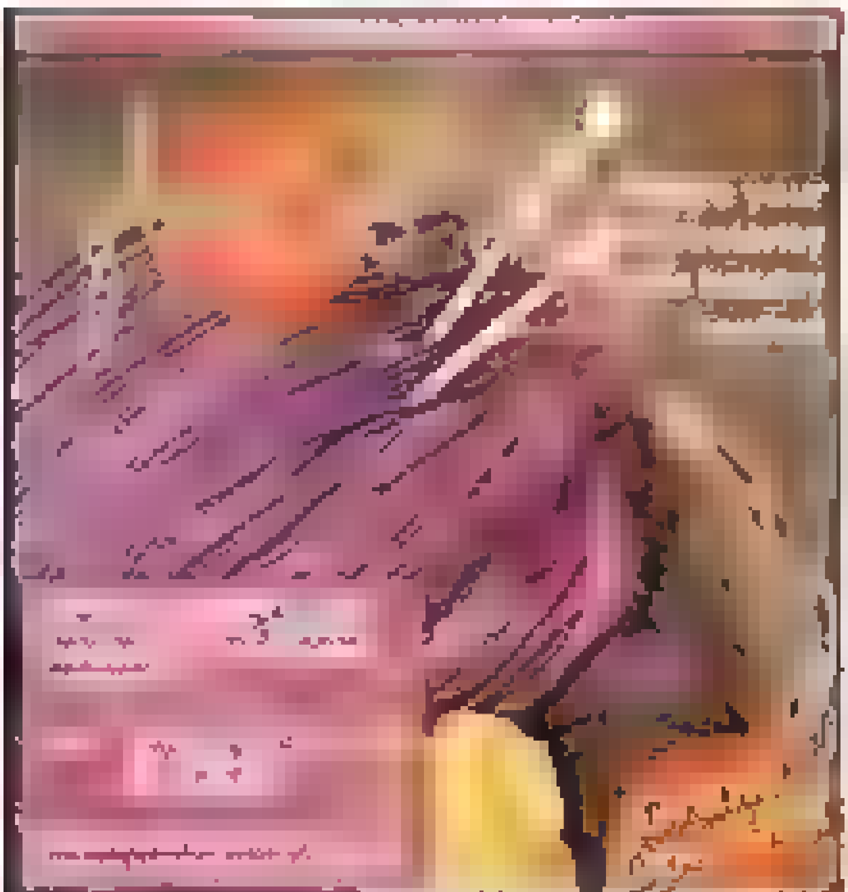


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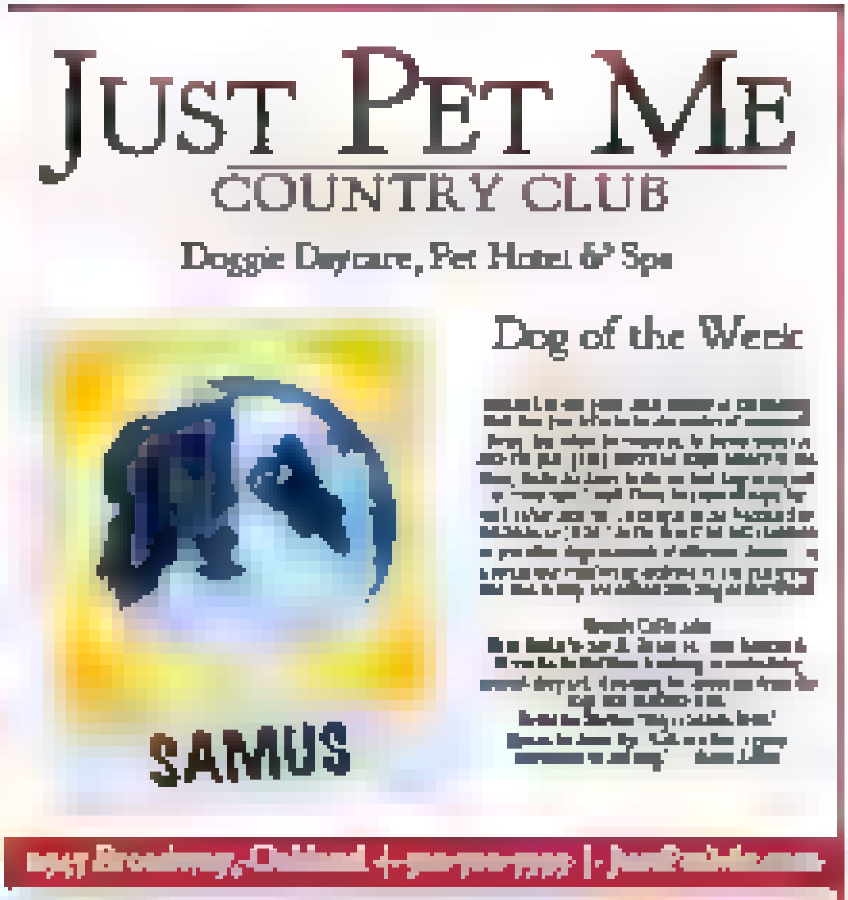




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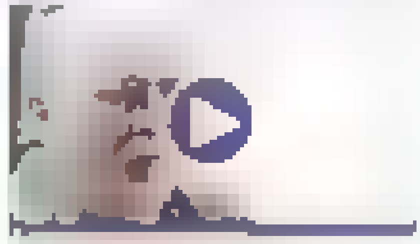
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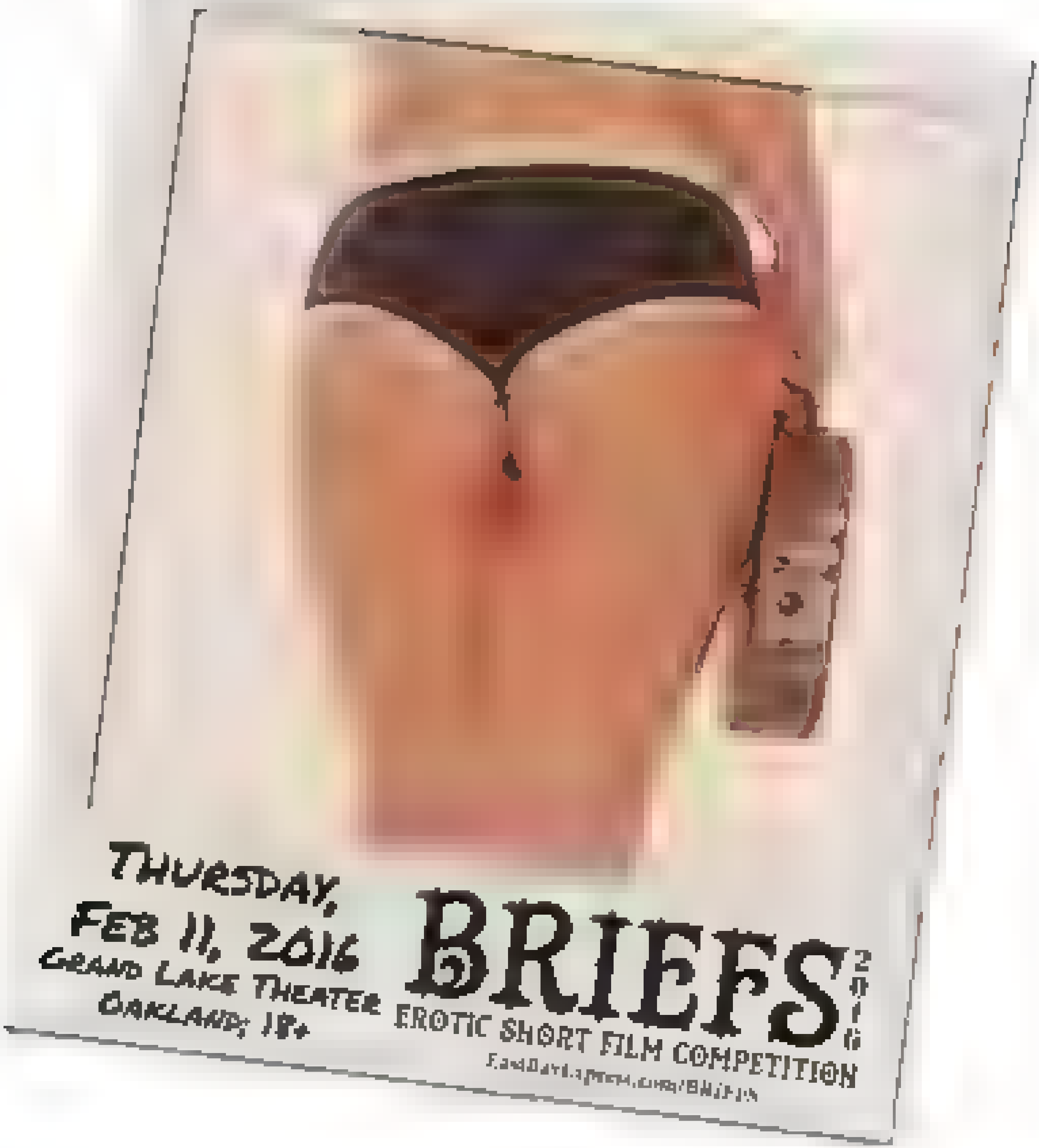






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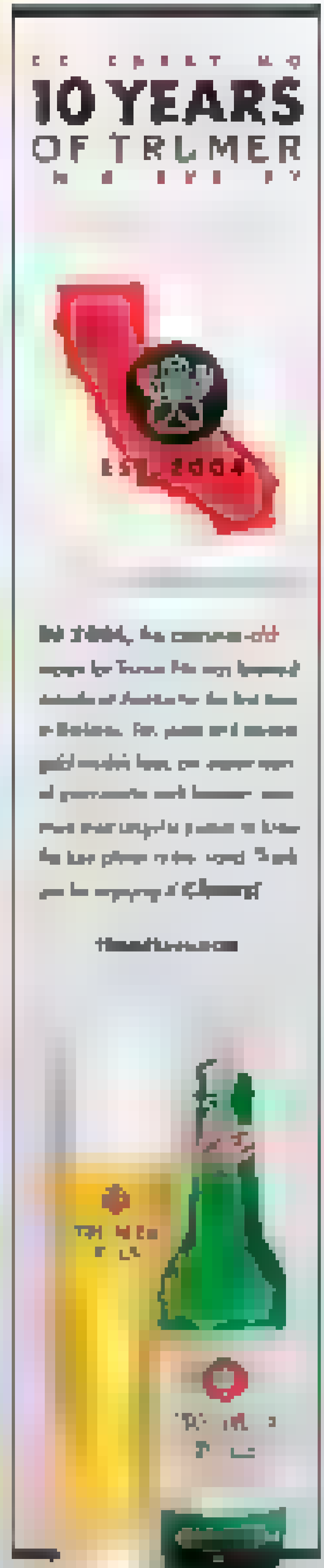
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Cam Huong Restaurant

Da Nang Quan

Golden Lotus Vegetarian Restaurant

Pho Ga Huong Que Cafe

Pho Hoa Lao

Rang Dong







Pyramids Brazilian ... & Grill

Yo Sushi

Drake's Dealership

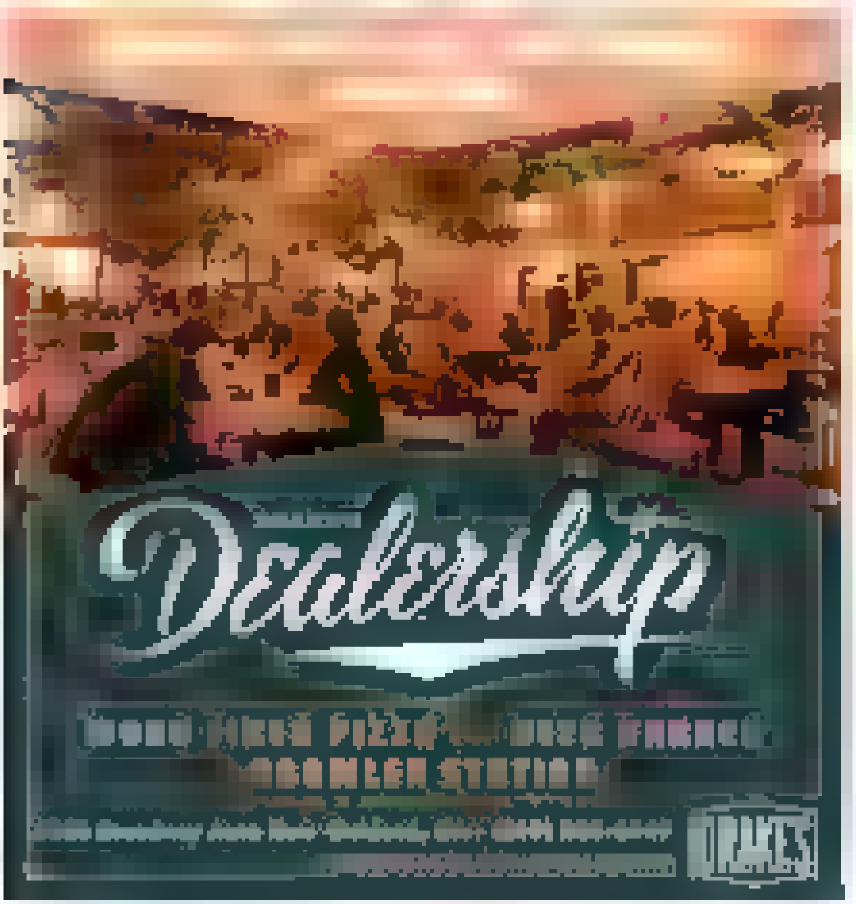
Big Mamma's Kitchen

Noodles Fresh

Rockin' Crawfish

Tay Ho

Vientian Cafe



Dealership
DRAKE'S





Pop-up Market at Taiwan Bento



Vertiginous Viewing



Carol

Hitchcock/Truffaut

Showtimes Online

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By Nastia Voynovskaya

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Blues, Folk, & Country

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Classical & Opera

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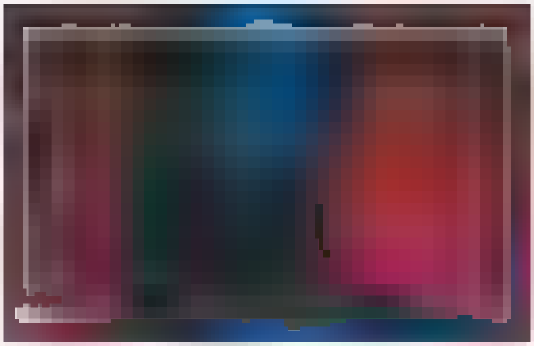
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Classical & Opera









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SUNDAY 13

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

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World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

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Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

MONDAY 14

Classical & Opera

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

Blues, Folk, & Country

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

TUESDAY 15

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Kids

Rock & Pop

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Experimental & Avant-Garde







Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

WEDNESDAY 16

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton


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DJ Dan
John Beaver
Zach Moore
Anthony Mansfield
Simon Pearson
Tony
The Gathering
Mozhgan
Laura Lisbona
Forest Green
Dutch Star
Techno Syndicate
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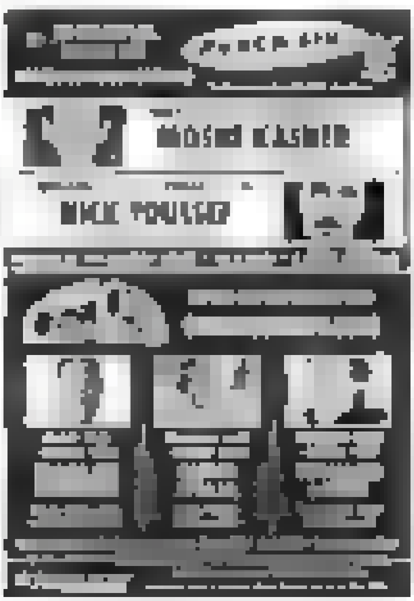
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